Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not think it is being considered separately.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Are these departments also Government departments?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes, certainly.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Why are these three Departments set apart exclusively for caste-Hindus?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I regret I cannot answer that question. They are subjects reserved under Rule 7 (2) (a).

Mr. M. K. Raman.—I ask that as a supplementary question. I want a ruling from the Chair why they are reserved.

President.—The Government Member said that these three departments are removed from the consideration of the Council.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Since they are exclusively set apart for caste-Hindus my supplementary question is, why?

President.—It does not follow. It is a question removed from the consideration of the Council.

Tobacco cultivation.

116. Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state,—

(a) whether under the law in force in the State, the subjects are allowed to plant and grow tobacco freely;

(b) whether the Government have any and if so what, objection to remove the disabilities preventing free cultivation of tobacco in the State;

(c) whether the Government is aware that British Indian subjects are allowed to cultivate tobacco just like any other crop in their lands?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) Yes, but under certain conditions.

(b) The Government have no objection to allow free cultivation on the conditions referred to above.

(c) Yes.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Sub-division (a). May I know what these conditions are?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—They are notified in the Diwan's notification, dated 17th May 1923, 3rd Edavam 1098, which is published in the Gazette also.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—May I know whether the Government have any objection to remove the disabilities?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Yes, at present.

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Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—May I know what the objections are ? Sub-division (b) itself is with regard to that

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Till we are assured that there will be sufficient quantity of tobacco supply in the State, Government cannot remove these restrictions because we have to import tobacco from outside the State and the right to sell tobacco is sold in auction. If these people are allowed to grow tobacco and dispose of these as they like, there will be complaints from the licensees. Therefore till we are sure that there will be sufficient supply it will not be possible to remove those conditions.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Do you mean that these restrictions will restrict the further growth of tobacco in the State ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—The Hon'ble Member has not understood my answer. I cannot help it.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Is the Member aware that such conditions are not existing in British India ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Because they have got sufficient supply there. Here we have not got sufficient supply. It is also grown in British India.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Was that experiment tried here ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—It was once tried, and it miserably failed.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—When was it, please ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—It was in 1093. He applied for a license. The license was granted and the experiment failed.

Action on questions.

117. Mr. T. A. Ramachanra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the Government has taken any action on questions put by the Members of the Legislative Council from 1100 to 1105?

(b) if so, which are those questions, and

(c) what is the action taken on each of them?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Government take action on such questions as necessitate it.

(b) and (c). Government do not keep a list of such questions and hence it is not possible to furnish the information.

Cut motions—Budget Sessions.

118. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.

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